GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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REVENUE FROM DTH OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is getting regular revenue from the Direct-to-Home (DTH)operators;

(b) if so, the details of revenue received by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether such revenue include hardware cost and carriage fee collected from various TV channels?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a): Yes,Sir.Government has been receiving revenue in the form of annual license fee paid by DTH service licensees as per Article 3 of the schedule forming the terms and conditions of license agreement for DTH services.

(b): The license fee paid by DTH service licensees during the last three years is as under:-

Name of the DTH licensee	License Fee Paid for the Financial Year (in Rs.)			
	2004-2005	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Dish TV India Ltd	2,04,87,187	2,50,00,000	14,38,35,433	14,69,60,763
Tata Sky Ltd	-	8,84,90,208	13,10,28,968	
Sun Direct TV Pvt. Ltd.	-	6,57,05,871		
Reliance BIG TV Ltd.	-	19,35,656		

(c): As per the terms and conditions of license, a DTH licensee has to pay an annual license fee equivalent to 10% of its gross revenue in a particular financial year within one month of end of that year. Clause 3.1.1 of terms and conditions of license defines gross revenue, while Form 'D' prescribed under Clause 3.1.2 of the terms and conditions of license prescribes indicative and illustrative items to be included, but the Auditors are required to include all the income heads qualifying for gross revenue whether or not specifically included in Form 'D'.Carriage fee collected and revenues earned from hardware are required to be included as part of Gross Revenue.